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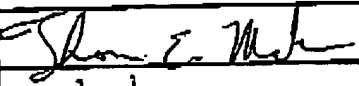
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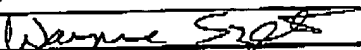
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Title: **Synthetic Tag Genes**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the March 3, 2006 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is requiring an election between the following group of claims:

- I. Claims 1-21 and 28-30, drawn to DNA molecules with at least one Tag gene classified in for example, Class 536, subclasses 23.5, 24.31, and 24.33.
- II. Claims 22-25, drawn to a method of providing a control for an array assay as classified in for example, Class 435, subclass 6.
- III. Claim 26 and 27, drawn to a method of analyzing the expression of Tag genes as classified in for example, Class 435, subclass 6.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I (claims 1-21 and 28-30). The Examiner is further requiring an election of a specific Tag gene sequence from those enumerated in SEQ ID NOS: 1-2066. Applicants hereby elect without traverse the TagI gene sequence (Seq. ID No. 2059). Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional, or other related application.

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